

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
July 2, 2013
8:30 a.m.

John Simon, Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Vice-Chairman
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Simon called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the June 25, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the June 25, 2013 Special Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Rob Gale, Hamilton County Attorney, had previously presented his department's 2014 proposed budget to the County Clerk's Office.

BRYAN COFFEY/HOSPITAL BOARD: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Interim Administrator, and Kent Schwieterman, Tim Haslett, Barb Bay, Dave Simon, and Janet Weis Hamilton County Hospital Board Members, held a conference call via Skype with Garth Herrmann from Gilmore & Bell, P.C. to discuss the use of the Hospital No-Fund Warrants. Mr. Herrmann explained the tax law restrictions of the taxable warrants vs. the non-taxable warrants. Also discussed the following:

- 1) Mr. Coffey informed the Commission that the Hospital Board agreed to purchase a new CT Scanner in the amount of \$308,000.00. The monthly maintenance contract will be less than what is currently being paid on the CT Scanner in place now. Six days of employee training is included in the purchase price.
- 2) Pay-off dates of the current Hospital bond issues were reviewed.

KENNY SMITH: Mr. Smith, Hamilton County EMS Director, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented different proposals for the EMS Billing Services, and discussed Medicare standard pricing for EMS Services. The Commission instructed Mr. Smith to proceed with choosing a Billing Service for his department.
- 2) Asked permission to perform drug testing for his department. All employees will be initially tested and then they will go into a random testing pool. Permission for the drug testing was granted.
- 3) Requested reimbursement for Wade Buckley as he has helped with some EMS calls and transfers. Mr. Buckley will be added to the EMS payroll for reimbursement of his time.
- 4) He will purchase Cardiac Rhythm equipment to be used in training. This will be paid from the EMT Trust Fund. He will apply for grant money to help reimburse some of this expense.

CARLA PATCHETT: Ms. Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, informed the Commission that the riding lawn mower needs repaired. Commissioner Lewis moved to have the mower repaired. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Also, Ms. Patchett informed the storage shed behind the Courthouse and the shed at the Donahue Building need some trim work, painted and minor repairs. Ms. Patchett was instructed to paint and repair the storage sheds.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PETITION: Steve Schell presented a Road Petition to the County Clerk's office. The Road is located close to Road 18 and Road I. Attorney Gale will write a legal description for the actual location of said road.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS: Commissioner Schwerdfeger reported on a meeting she attended regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Ms. Schwerdfeger recommended the County continue another two months with the Lesser Prairie Chicken Program. Commissioner Braddock moved to continue the Prairie Chicken Coordination Response Program for an additional two months. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$105,763.09 and the Appropriations in the amount of \$151,492.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Hospital No-Fund Warrants, Series 2013-B, in the amount of \$461,820.77. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis discussed information received from the Southwest Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group regarding a rate change request from Linn Energy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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